



India Association of Southeast Texas

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About IAST: India Association of Southeast Texas (IAST) is a non-profit organization been in existence for over 25 years. It promotes cultural awareness in our community, extends charitable donations locally, nationally, and internationally, and encourages various activities which honor educational, social, and occupational achievements not only in our organization but across various communities and organizations. Every year it is the organization's goal to extend an understanding between various cultures, races and ethnicities through numerous activities.

Many of the activities held throughout the year also yield proceeds which are in turn, utilized not only to sustain our organization, but to promote other causes in the local area, such as Boys Haven, Beaumont Police Department, and the Beaumont Fire Department, to name just a few. Our membership has been a consistent supporter of charities like March of Dimes and American Cancer Society for the last 26 years. We have also raised funds to provide international and national relief for areas often devastated by natural calamities, e.g., Haiti (earthquake devastation), Hurricane Rita, Harvey, Oklahoma (tornado devastation), etc.

The youth in our organization are active and are an integral part of the success. They are highly encouraged to participate in activities through fundraising, presenting various cultural dances or artwork, participating in walks/runs, sports activities, becoming a spokesperson for, and taking on leadership roles on the board and their schools. We, in turn, highlight their achievements through various venues.

About Board of Directors: IAST is governed by its bylaws. The Board of Directors are elected/selected every year to help with planning and organizing events throughout the year. Fiscal year is from January to December. Board includes President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Cultural Directors, Building Director, Newsletter Editor, Web Master, Sports Director, Social Services Director, Public Relations Officer and Youth Director (teenager). The bylaws also require Board of Trustees which consists of past Presidents of IAST.

About Events: IAST conducts and participates in a host of events starting from Republic Day of India in January till Christmas in December. IAST Sponsors about half the events and the IAST Members sponsor rest of the events. Typical yearly events include - Republic Day of India, Valentines Day, Shiv Ratri, Hoil/Lodhi, IAST Picnic, Youth Night, Ugaadi/Gudipadva, Ramanavami, Independence Day of India, Janmasthanmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navarathri/Durga Puja, Diwali and Christmas Party. Charitable Event participation includes March of Dimes, Cancer Walk, Local 5K's and Marathons for charity and hosting of sports events like Table Tennis, Tennis, Cricket, Raquet Ball and Golf. Few elective Events include New Year Party, Super Bowl Party, Ask the Doc/Health Fair and any other event that benefits Religiously, Culturally or Health & Wellness of the IAST Membership.



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About India Cultural Center (ICC): India Cultural Center located on Major Drive. All the IAST events (except sports events and picnics) are held on these premises. ICC can be rented by members and non-members. Please note that for members an additional discount is provided if it is a Religious Event.

About India Fest: For the past 28 years, the 300+ strong and vibrant Indian American Community of Southeast Texas has organized "India Fest" at the Beaumont Civic center as an attempt to provide the area residents, a glimpse into India. "India Fest" showcases Indian Culture, Fashion, Music, Dance & Food. It also serves as a fundraiser for our active participation in various charitable organizations including March of Dimes, Boys Haven, Beaumont Police and Fire Departments, and American Cancer Society through its' annual Cancer Walk event. The members of India Association of Southeast Texas are proud and willing participants towards the needs of Golden Triangle community.

About Membership Dues: Members avail the benefits of all the above-mentioned events with no extra charge except incidental registration charges for sports events. You can mail check with your name, phone number, address and email ID to PO Box 13002, Beaumont, TX 77726-3002 OR send your contact via our website iastbmt.org

Membership details for 2021:

\$125 Single Membership (Single Family person)

\$250 Family Membership

\$168 1st Time Members (1/3rd off!! For 1st time IAST Members)

ICC Rental Information: Contact any of the Building Director or any Board of Directors. 2022 Rental Information:

Security deposit of \$200

Non-Members of IAST \$925/day (no half day or partial rentals)

Members of IAST \$450/day (no half day or partial rentals)

Party Walk Out Clean Up \$200 (will move garbage, chairs, tables, remove any decorations and clean & mop)

Note - Renters will sign off on the contract that contains details regarding deposit, key pick up and return, expected cleanliness of the premises and what is included in the rental.

With Warm Regards,

Hiren Patel

President IAST 2022

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